Remarks

As stated in the October 2, 2008 Office action, claims 83-95, 98-100 and 102-114 are pending in the present application. Claims 83-90, 102, 104-107 and 114 have been amended herein to recite SEQ ID NO:1. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner examine the claims as amended herein, which Applicants believe is proper as the claims have not yet been substantively examined and as the claim amendments do not affect the species election requirement.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required the species election/restriction identified at the bottom of page 2. In response, Applicants hereby elect species (1) reciting polypeptides consisting of residues 1-185 of SEQ ID NO:1 (as amended). Applicants submit that all of the pending claims encompass the elected species. Applicants traverse the species election requirement on the basis that a search to all of the recited species would not place an undue searching burden on the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Please direct any questions concerning this submission to Applicants' undersigned representative, who can be reached directly at (610) 869-6302.

Respectfully submitted,

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